

## **How to Write a Position Paper:**

A position paper is a research based paper in which a nation describes its point of view/ position on a set of topics. Please use the topics described in your committee's background guide. Your position paper should contain 3 sections: Topic Background, United Nations Involvement, Country Policy and Solutions.

- **Topic Background:**

- Describe the situation and give the reader background information. The 5 W's are usually a great way of doing this. Who is involved? What is the issue? When did it occur? Where did it occur? Why did it occur?
- This section should help you begin your research and allow you to identify the key problematic areas of the topic.

- **United Nations Involvement:**

- State what the United Nations has done in the past to help with this situation. Discuss past resolutions, NGO's, treaties, etc.
- You should use this section to research what programs/resolutions have been implemented and whether or not they were successful. If the programs are not successful, you should start thinking about what can be done to improve them.

- **Country Policy and Solutions:**

- The longest and most important part of your paper.
- This section should describe your nation's policy and how your nation specifically proposes to tackle the issue at its root.
- Make sure that the solutions proposed are in the jurisdiction of your committee.